

Fish production in Orissa

1046. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa is a major fish producing State in the country; and

(b) if so, the action plan of the Centre to help the State to exploit this potential to improve the economy of the fish farmers of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India is implementing following centrally sponsored schemes for the development of fisheries and thereby to improve the economic condition of the fish farmers in all the States/UTs including Orissa:

- (i) Development of Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture.
- (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations.
- (iii) Welfare of Fishermen.
- (iv) Fisheries Training and Extention.

Under these schemes, Government of India has provided a sum of Rs. 1475.99 lakh as financial assistance to Government of Orissa during Tenth Five Year Plan (till date) for the development of fisheries and welfare of fishers in the State.

Outbreak of mad cow disease

1047. SHRI A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been outbreak of mad cow disease in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the regions affected by the disease, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;